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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 27, 2001 in the above-identified application. In the Action, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement between Claim Group I, claims 1 to 4, 7 to 11, 20, and 21; Claim Group II, claims 5 and 6; Claim Group III, claims 12 and 13, Claim Group IV, claims 14 and 15, and Claim Group V, claims 16 to 19.

In response, applicants elect Claim Group I, i.e., claims 1 to 4, 7 to 11, 20, and 21, said to be drawn to polynucleotides, host cells, vectors, and methods of making polypeptides, for further prosecution in this application.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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